FARMER SENT TO CINCINNATI REDS

Hancock County native Kyle Farmer part of seven-player deal. **7A**

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Comeaux and Negrotto lead the 2018 team. **1B**

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Sea Coast Echo's most inspiring stories of 2018

Our selection of stories representing the community's finest citizens

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Bobby the therapy pug is one of the Echo's most inspiring of 2018.

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
SEA COAST ECHO

This year, Sea Coast Echo staff covered stories about people of all ages in our community who perform inspirational endeavors.

Below are a few of our staff's top picks as some of the most inspiring stories and people of 2018.

Young Motivators

• Earlier this year, students at Bay High School participated in National Walkout Day to honor the 17 people who died in the school shooting in Parkland, Florida on Feb. 14. Instead of walking out of the school grounds, BHS principal Dr. Amy Coyne encouraged students to perform 17 acts of kindness, instead.

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Jacob McCoy volunteered at Dunbar Village.

• This Christmas, 8-year-old Millie Brignone went on a mission to ensure that children "feel that same joy that I feel on Christmas morning." During her movement, "Millie's Movement: Saving Christmas One Band at a Time," Millie sold bracelets. After the first week, she raised more than $1,500. The proceeds were donated to Toys for Tots and Brenda's House.

• Each week, the children of St. Clare Catholic Church participate in the children's offering. This year, they raised more than $1,300. The funds were used to purchase palm trees for the Keep Waveland Beautiful Committee's Palm Tree project, which has a goal of planting three palm trees on the beach at each of the city's 21 intersections. The children also

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THE SEA COAST ECHO TOP 10

The Most-Read Stories of 2018

BY GEOFF BELCHER
NEWS EDITOR

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Long-time educator and community leader is one of the Bay St. Louis residents who stepped up to help "Take Back MLK Park" after a shooting in June 2018.

Hancock County experienced more than its fair share of unusual events in 2018, including extreme weather; multiple shootings and drug busts; Hancock Medical Center being taken over by Ochsner; and at least two instances of students found with guns at public schools. While in years past, the Sea Coast Echo editorial board has selected the top ten stories for the year in review, this year we decided to let our readers do the choosing. The following is a list of our top 10 news stories for 2018, based on our readers' selections and activity at www.seacoastecho.com.

#10: Governor okays long-awaited golf cart legislation for Bay St. Louis & Waveland

In March, the Mississippi Legislature approved Senate Bills No. 3026 and 2940, which authorized the cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland to allow the operation of low-speed vehicles on certain streets within the cities' limits. Gov. Phil Bryant signed the bills into law a few days later and went into effect on July 1.

District 46 Senator Philip Moran authored both bills and said he had been working on the golf cart legislation for the past three years.

"I'm glad to be able to get them passed," Moran said. "Everyone is looking forward to utilizing (low-speed vehicles) downtown. Several others in the state passed this year as well. Next year, I'll be trying to get a blanket bill for the entire state."

#9: Hancock sheriff's office mourns deputy's untimely death:

In July, the Hancock County Sheriff's Office mourned the death of Corrections Officer Ronald Thompson, 46, who passed away of natural causes.Thompson was a Bay St. Louis native and had been employed at the HCSO since 2012."This is a very sad day for all of us," Hancock County Sheriff Ricky Adam said at the time. "We are keeping Ron and his family in our prayers. Ron was a fine deputy and a fine man. He did everything the right way. He will be sorely missed."

#8: Hancock narcotics agents arrest four in major drug bust; two small children taken to CPS:

Hancock County narcotics agents in June made a major drug bust at a home on Standard Dedeaux Road, arresting four adults and referring two small children to Child Protective Services.

Jeremy Skinner, commander of the Hancock Sheriff's Office Narcotics Division, said in a press release at the time that, "following a lengthy investigation, agents with the Hancock County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Division, assisted by the Hancock County Special Response Team, executed an operation to apprehend three people wanted on felony arrest warrants and to execute a search warrant at (a home on) Standard-Dedeaux Road.

"Agents apprehended one of the three wanted

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Hancock County Food Pantry volunteers offer thanks to community for generous donations

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

As a result of generous donations from the community, this Thanksgiving, the Hancock County Food Pantry was able to provide frozen turkeys to 760 families in need in Hancock County, Hancock County Food Pantry treasurer John Wittliff said.

"We had a tremendous and outstanding response from the community in October and November," Wittliff said. "We had donations from a number of churches, civic groups, businesses, and individuals. We even had a couple match $3,500 if we raised that."

All together, the pantry raised more than $8,000, he added.

Wittliff said it's been more than three years since the pantry was able to afford to purchase frozen turkeys for families.

"We lost some grant funding," he said.

The pantry is a state-chartered 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. The county supports the pantry by paying the building's utilities, dumpster costs, pest control, and telephone.

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A volunteer prepares a food basket for a needy family.

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Ochsner Medical Center - Hancock receives 'A' grade for patient safety from 'Leapfrog' Group

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Back in March, Ochsner Health System assumed operational duties at Hancock Medical Center.

Ochsner Medical Center - Hancock was awarded an 'A' from The Leapfrog Group's Fall 2018 Hospital Safety Grade. This designation recognizes efforts in protecting patients from harm and meeting the highest safety standards in the United States.

"These Leapfrog results are another example of our ongoing commitment to provide high-quality and safe patient care," said Alan Hodges, CEO, OMC - Hancock. "Our physicians, nurses and staff are working together to improve patient outcomes and expand clinical service offerings for the residents of coastal Mississippi. I could not be prouder of the great work going on in our organization."

This rating reflects the focus and commitment of the entire healthcare team and these achievements:

Four star ranking on Hospital Compare, part of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Hospital Quality Initiative,

Improved HCAHPS (Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems) scores, the patient satisfaction survey required by CMS for hospitals in the United States,

Improved EDCAHPS (Emergency Department Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems) scores, the survey for standard measurement of the emergency department patient experience from CMS and

Implemented new Epic electronic medical record to create transparency and improved coordination of patient care throughout the hospital and clinic locations.

The Leapfrog Group is a national organization committed to improving health care quality and safety for consumers and purchasers.

The Safety Grade assigns an A, B, C, D or F grade to hospitals across the country based on their performance in preventing medical errors, infections and other harms among patients in their care.

"Leapfrog's Hospital Safety Grades recognize hospitals that focus on advancing patient safety. This ranking provides an important resource for patients, and a benchmark for hospitals, to determine how care at one hospital compares to others in a region," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "Hospitals that earn an A Hospital Safety Grade deserve to be recognized for their efforts in preventing medical harm and errors."

Developed under the guidance of a National Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to more than 2,600 U.S. hospitals twice per year.

The Hospital Safety Grade's methodology is peer-reviewed and fully transparent, and the results are free to the public.

Ochsner Health System and Hancock County entered into a long-term lease agreement in April 2018 to operate Hancock Medical Center, expanding upon the strategic partnership the two organizations created in 2013. Now Ochsner Medical Center – Hancock, the hospital is expanding services and improving the quality and coordination of care, transforming the healthcare delivered to patients in the Gulf Coast region.

For more information, please visit www.ochsner.org/hancock.

About Ochsner Health System

Ochsner Health System is Louisiana's largest nonprofit, academic, healthcare system. Driven by a mission to Serve, Heal, Lead, Educate and Innovate, coordinated clinical and hospital patient care is provided across the region by Ochsner's 40 owned, managed and affiliated hospitals and specialty hospitals, and more than 200 health centers and urgent care centers. Ochsner is the only Louisiana hospital recognized by U.S. News & World Report as a "Best Hospital" across three specialty categories caring for patients from all 50 states and more than 60 countries worldwide each year. Ochsner employs nearly 25,000 employees and over 4,500 employed and affiliated physicians in over 90 medical specialties and subspecialties and conducts more than 700 clinical research studies. Ochsner Health System is proud to be a tobacco-free environment.

For more information, please visit ochsner.org and follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

About The Leapfrog Group

Founded in 2000 by large employers and other purchasers, The Leapfrog Group is a national nonprofit organization driving a movement for giant leaps forward in the quality and safety of American health care.

The flagship Leapfrog Hospital Survey collects and transparently reports hospital performance, empowering purchasers to find the highest-value care and giving consumers the lifesaving information they need to make informed decisions.

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, Leapfrog's other main initiative, assigns letter grades to hospitals based on their record of patient safety, helping consumers protect themselves and their families from errors, injuries, accidents, and infections.

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Conaway serving as president of the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners

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Frank Conaway, DMD is serving as President of the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners.

The Board is made up of seven dentists and one hygienist. All are appointed by the governor to serve a six-year term. The primary purpose of the Board of Dental Examiners is to protect the public.

The Board oversees licensing of Mississippi dentists, hygienists, and radiology permits for dental assistants. Each license applicant's educational requirements are verified, along with his or her past history, character, fitness, and if there are any conflicts with other boards prior to granting a license.

Another important duty of the Board is to create or modify the regulations that dictate how dentists, hygienists, and radiology permit holders practice. The board also handles complaints made against any licensee.

There are investigations

Frank Conaway, DMD

into the complaints.

The Board may remedy the complaint with penalties, fines, or license revocations.

Dr. Conaway did a one year residency at the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry and has been in private practice in Bay St. Louis for 28 years.

During those 28 years he has been active with Rotary of Bay St. Louis, serving as president; the Chamber of Commerce, serving as president; and the 5th District of Mississippi Dental Association, serving as president.

Dr. Conaway is also active with the Academy of General Dentistry, a national organization representing general dentists.

He has served on committees such as the Constitution and By-Laws, where he was chair and is currently on the Communications Council.

He has received a Fellow and Master award from the Academy of General Dentistry and also a Life Long Learning and Service

Recognition.

Only 336 dentists have ever received this recognition in the United States.

As a dental examiner, Dr. Conaway also takes part in the

examination process to obtain a license.

Dentists and hygienists have to demonstrate their ability to provide a minimum level of competency.

They perform procedures in an examination that are graded and overseen by examiners.

Examiners like Dr. Conaway have to take tests themselves to make sure they are calibrated to grade and oversee the exams consistently.

Every time an examiner is part of an exam, they have to be calibrated with testing. Examinations are given in every state. Dr. Conaway has been an examiner at multiple locations including Tufts University in Boston; Rutgers University in New Jersey; Columbia University in New York,; University of South Carolina; University of Alabama; Meharry University in Tennessee; and the University of Mississippi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The *HANCOCK COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY*
Board Meeting will be held on
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2018 MHP Christmas Holiday Enforcement Period ends

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The Mississippi Highway Patrol concluded its 2018 Christmas holiday travel period which began Friday, December 21, at 12:01 a.m. and ended Tuesday, December 25 at midnight. MHP issued 6524 citations with 124 DUI arrests. 203 motor vehicle crashes were investigated which included 38 injuries and 2 fatalities on state, federal highways, and interstates. The highly publicized MHP safety initiative "Making It Home For The Holidays" will continue through the end of the year in order to promote traffic safety.

On Friday, December 21, 2018 at approximately 10:44 p.m., the Mississippi Highway Patrol responded to a fatal traffic crash on MS-4 in Tate County. A 2019 Volvo driven by George E. Harrison, 70, of Coldwater, MS was traveling westbound on MS-4. A 2011 Ford pickup truck driven by Tim E. Curtis, 30, of Ansonia, CT was traveling eastbound on MS-4 and collided head-on with the Volvo. Tim E. Curtis received fatal injuries from the crash and was pronounced dead on scene. George E. Harrison was transported to a local hospital due to injuries sustained in the crash.

This crash remains under investigation by MHP.

On Sunday, December 23, 2018 at approximately 3:38 p.m., the Mississippi Highway Patrol responded to a fatal traffic crash on MS-9 in Calhoun County. A 2009 Honda Civic driven by Thomas W. Horton, 48, of Vardaman, MS was traveling southbound on MS-9. A 2007 Chevrolet pickup truck driven by Jerry D. Holder, 71, of Vardaman, MS was traveling northbound on MS-9 and collided head-on with the Honda. Thomas W. Horton received fatal injuries from the crash and was pronounced dead on scene. Jerry D. Holder was transported to Oxford hospital due to injuries sustained in the crash.

This crash remains under investigation by MHP.

Keep the holiday cheer alive – Don't drink and drive

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JACKSON, MISS. – With the Christmas holiday season ending, everyone has sights set on ringing in 2019. The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) urges all motorists to have a new year's resolution of no drinking and driving.

December is an exciting time of year with fun festivities, but it becomes dangerous when drivers get behind the wheel intoxicated. In 2017 in Mississippi, 148 people were killed in alcohol-related crashes.

"With the start of the new year, MDOT has the same goal for 2019 - zero fatalities from drunk driving in our state," said Melinda McGrath, P.E., MDOT Executive Director. "Drunk driving is never worth it, and the consequences are very severe for those who do it."

Alcohol-related deaths account for nearly 21 percent of all traffic fatalities in Mississippi. While the number of fatalities has been declining since 2013, even one alcohol-related death on Mississippi roadways is too many.

In 2017, MDOT joined other state departments of transportation and highway safety advocacy groups by adopting the Towards Zero Deaths (TZD) campaign. TZD is a national safety strategy to bring stakeholders together towards a common vision – a highway system free of fatalities through a sustained decline in transportation-related deaths and injuries. To learn more about the TZD initiative, visit GoMDOT.com/TZD.

"Zero deaths on highways should be the goal for Mississippi. There is never a valid excuse for getting behind the wheel if any alcohol has been consumed," McGrath said. "If you do decide to drink, plan ahead. Before going out to celebrate, make sure a designated driver can get you to and from your destination safely. Remember, a designated driver is not

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FEE INCREASE FOR CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD RESIDENTS

Public notice is hereby given that on January 15, 2019, at 6 p.m. at City Hall located at 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead Mississippi, the City of Diamondhead Mayor and City Council will hold a public hearing on its proposed increase to the solid waste collection fees. The proposed annual fee will increase from $126.48 to $174.48 per household. The proposed $48 annual increase represents a 38% increase and will become effective April 1, 2019. The FY19 Budget for Solid Waste Collections currently projects revenue of $462,000 and the proposed increase will generate an estimated $53,608 or 12% in additional revenue for a total estimated FY19 Solid Waste Revenue of $515,608. The proposed fee is necessary because the City has not increased this fee since 2013. Since 2013, there has been an annual CPI increase of 2.5% on average; the cost of bulky waste was added in 2017; and curbside recycling was added in 2018. In order to maintain the same level of services for our residents, this increase is required. All citizens of the City of Diamondhead are invited to attend this public hearing and City Council meeting and will be afforded the opportunity to speak for a reasonable amount of time and to offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken on the proposed solid waste collection fee increase.

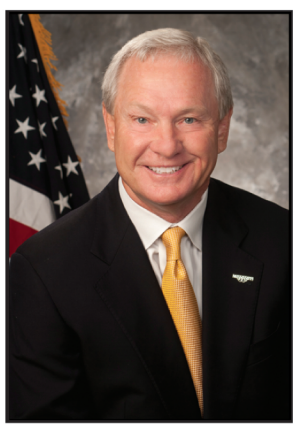
Jeannie Klein, City Clerk

Mississippi is winning

As 2018 comes to a close, it is a good time to reflect on the bountiful blessings of the past year in Mississippi.

The people of Mississippi are our state's greatest asset. Our values, our way of life and our diverse, natural beauty make Mississippi a special place.

Business leaders around the world are investing private capital and creating exciting new careers in Mississippi. In 2018, almost $1.1 billion in private capital investment representing more than 50 economic development wins created 5,106 new jobs in our state. A record number of Mississippians are working today, incomes are up, unemployment is down, and Mississippians are winning. As we move into 2019, the project pipeline is near capacity. In community and economic development, Mississippi is winning. Thanks to teamwork across our state, 2019 has the potential to be another record-breaking year for economic growth.



Guest Column

by **Glenn McCullough Jr.**

Executive Director of the Mississippi Development Authority

Between July 1, 2017, and June 30, 2018, 24 million visitors experienced the beauty, culture, hospitality and culinary delights that make Mississippi unique.

That is an increase of over 800,000 visitors from the prior year, and the second-most ever.

Tourists spent a record $6.51 billion in our hotels, restaurants and businesses.

In Mississippi, we win with people. Governor Phil Bryant, Lieutenant Governor Tate Reeves, Speaker Philip Gunn, our Legislature and Mississippi's economic development partners — including our utilities, K-12 education system, community colleges and universities — play as one team to create an environment that attracts private capital investment, leads to more and better careers for Mississippians and brings more visitors from around the world.

A strong business climate, a dedicated and skilled workforce, educational innovation and cultural experiences that can't be found anywhere else are the foundation of Mississippi's economic growth. From 2012 to 2018, $7 billion in private capital investment and more than 35,408 new careers have fueled Mississippi's economic expansion. We're not done yet!

MDA is committed to excellence in teamwork with our partners to accelerate the growth of Mississippi's economy. Winning with people means we will educate, train and develop a workforce for the future. The Aspire Mississippi and Mississippi Works programs are designed to do just that — achieve excellence in leadership and community development, which includes a workforce that gives Mississippi a strategic advantage in today's global economy.

Mississippi is united as one team with a strong faith for future economic development wins as we move together forward.

Wicker Hopeful About Reforms in 'FIRST STEP Act'

Legislation Targets Recidivism to Improve Criminal Justice System

A few weeks ago, I joined President Trump in Gulfport for a roundtable discussion on prison reform. Then, on December 19, I voted for the federal legislation discussed at that meeting, the "FIRST STEP Act." This important bill does as its name implies, taking a constructive step to fix our criminal justice system while strengthening law and order over the long term.

From the Senate

by **Roger Wicker**

U.S. Senator

It was encouraging to see Democrats and Republicans rally around the legislation, which earned the support of the Trump Administration and a wide range of outside groups. One of the bill's primary objectives is to reverse the problem of recidivism – when offenders are rearrested after their release. Studies have shown that rearrests happen for nearly half of federal prisoners.

Preventing Future Crime

The "FIRST STEP Act" seeks to break this cycle of incarceration by encouraging prisoners to participate in programs that have been shown to reduce recidivism. These programs are potentially life-changing for participants.

They also offer benefits to society as a whole, preventing future crime and prison overcrowding – not to mention the associated financial burdens that crime and incarceration put on taxpayers. The programs can also provide educational opportunities and vocational training, readying inmates to find a job when they leave prison.

The job environment that prisoners face after their release matters to their successful transition back into society. Today's thriving economy has created more jobs and an attractive market for job seekers. Job programs in prison could help lower the high unemployment that currently exists among working-age men with a criminal history. In the end, employers would have more skilled applicants to fill available positions and our economy's productivity would remain strong.

Sensible Adjustments to Sentencing Rules

Another important reform in the bill is the slight modifications it makes to current sentencing rules for nonviolent prisoners. Moreover, it empowers judges to decide appropriate sentences rather than forcing them to apply mandatory ones. As the son of a circuit judge, I appreciate the bill's attention to the critical role that judges play in determining a fair punishment. Another provision provides inmates the opportunity to participate in programs to demonstrate good behavior and potentially earn earlier release.

In addition, the "FIRST STEP Act" addresses the controversial "three strike" rule that was implemented during the Clinton Administration. Although intended to deter crime, it often left those with only minor drug-related offenses facing lifetime prison sentences. Minority communities, in particular, have been disproportionately affected. The "FIRST STEP Act" reduces these life sentences for nonviolent drug offenders to 25 years.

A federal law to reform the criminal justice system will not transform every prison in the United States, since many more prisoners are incarcerated in our state prisons than in our federal ones. However, the "FIRST STEP Act" is a starting point for constructive dialogue across party lines that recognizes the power of redemption and policies that can help encourage it. Above all else, these discussions should prioritize the safety and well-being of our communities and our nation.

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It's Not Too Late to Feed the Birds

Over 75 percent of Mississippians are bird feeders and observers. For these birdwatchers, this means preparing for winter feeding. During winter months, the birds short supply of natural food sources can be supplemented with artificial feeding. This type of feeding will provide birdwatchers a convenient way to view a variety of species. Here are some tips for attracting winter birds for your viewing pleasure.

Conservation Corner

by **James L. Cummins**

Wildlife Mississippi

The first step is preparing winter feeders. Feeders should be cleaned thoroughly.

There are three basic types of feeders designed to offer a variety of foods: a hanging type feeder; a ground or tray feeder; and a suet feeder.

The hanging type feeder should be placed away from one's home in an area that will provide clear viewing. The most common type of seed used with hanging feeders is sunflower. The ground or tray feeder should be placed near plant cover. The most common seed associated with the tray feeder is cracked corn; however, other seed mixtures work well. Suet feeders are a favorite of woodpeckers, chickadees, titmice, and nuthatches.

The second step in preparing your bird feeder is selecting the seed. Seeds such as sunflower, safflower, millet, and thistle seeds are fool-proof. They need to be stored in a clean, dry area to prevent mold and mildew. Covered containers such as trash cans or plastic tubs are excellent storage facilities for birdseed.

The next step is providing water for the birds. Water is important since all birds need water both for drinking and bathing. The best types of birdbaths available are the synthetic plastic baths. Synthetic plastics, such as polypropylene, have rough surfaces and will tolerate all extremities in temperatures. In extremely cold temperatures, you will need to keep water open at your birdbath. This can be done by either adding warm water as needed or by using an electric water heater.

A good feeding plan should include all three types of feeders since different types of feeders appeal to different species of birds. To attract the birds and keep them coming back, you should clean feeders and birdbaths regularly and dispose of old or moldy food. Those of you who have a feeding plan may want to add additional feeders to enhance your existing area for birding.

If you are just a beginning birding watcher, you may want to purchase a field guide to the birds in your area. There are many quality guides on the market, so pick the one that best fits your need.

The final step is easy. Fill your feeders, sit back, and enjoy.

Health department announces good news for WIC participants

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JACKSON, Miss. – The Mississippi State Department of Health's Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) will remain open through the month of January even without congressional action on the current government shutdown.

Working with federal partners at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) – the agency funding the WIC program – the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) has been granted enough funds in the federal fiscal year 2019 to continue operations.

Without these funds, the WIC program would have to terminate services to more than 95,000 clients each month due to the shutdown.

"With this allowance by the USDA, we can ensure WIC operations without disruptions through at least the end of January, if not even an additional few weeks in February," said MSDH State Health Officer Dr. Thomas Dobbs. "This gives us a little breathing room."

Dobbs said the agency will continue to monitor, assess and make plans for possible further delays in funding in order to continue services for Mississippi mothers and babies and protect the jobs of MSDH employees.

The WIC Program is a supplemental nutrition program for pregnant, breastfeeding, and post-partum women, infants and children under five years of age. The Mississippi WIC Program operates and maintains 95 distribution sites serving clients statewide.

Follow MSDH by email and social media at HealthyMS.com/connect.

AG Asks Consumers to Report Difficulties Correcting Credit Errors

SEA COAST ECHO

JACKSON — Attorney General Jim Hood is asking Mississippians to contact his office if they are having difficulty correcting errors on their credit reports. This consumer alert comes in response to the fact that all civil judgments should be removed by now, after reporting mistakes by the top credit agencies were discovered and addressed in recent years.

"Our office required Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion to change their business practices after we opened an investigation in 2016 into their mistakes on credit reports. Civil judgments should no longer appear on reports after June 2018, but they have until 2020 to finish making other changes," General Hood explained. "Navigating an error on your credit can be insanely difficult. My bank failed to make an automatic withdrawal, but my bank could not fix the error. I had to. After their online system was trying to force me to provide information I did not have, I called one of the companies and they were trying to make me send a copy of my passport and driver's license because they had my deceased father's credit history co-mingled with mine. These companies have made billions buying and selling our personal information without compensating us. Yet, when the company places an erroneous charge or information on our credit report, it is almost impossible to make them fix it."

Anyone who is having difficulty correcting errors should call the AG's Consumer Protection Division at 1-800-281-4418 or 601-359-4230.

General Hood launched an extensive investigation into credit reporting practices in 2013 after his office received numerous complaints from Mississippi consumers about credit report errors and difficulty in correcting those errors. General Hood was particularly concerned about errors in the reporting of information related to public records, including civil judgments and tax liens. The credit reporting agencies agreed to institute significant reforms beginning in 2017 and going through 2020.

The reforms are related to the reporting of public records, as well as an agreement to conduct focused reviews of the worst debt collectors in Mississippi, address problems identified during the review, and implement new procedures for accurately reporting debts that are extinguished under Mississippi law, among other reforms.

Last year, the credit reporting agencies announced enhanced standards for reporting public records. According to the agencies, approximately half of tax liens were not expected to satisfy the enhanced standards and would no longer be reported.

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The pantry pays for liability insurance and has been located at Highway 603 since 2009. The pantry also relies on grant funding and financial support from the community, Wittliff said.

In October of this year, Wittliff said, a number of volunteers discussed the possibility of purchasing frozen turkeys and asked the community for its support.

"It's so gratifying to see that kind of response from the community," Wittliff said. "We need to say thanks to the community. It was the community that responded and contributed to make it happen."

Since 1986, the pantry has provided free food and personal hygiene products to more than 273,000 individuals and more than 114,000 families. Benefits are provided to low-income families living at or below the poverty level, Wittliff said.

This year, the pantry provided aid to an average of 640 families per month, Wittliff said.

The pantry screens applicants using guidelines established by the Mississippi Department of Human Services, Wittliff said. Families have to certify that their income is below poverty level and show proof of residency, he added.

The pantry — which is the only full-time food pantry in Hancock County — is run entirely by more than 100 volunteers and is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon, except holidays.

Wittliff said the pantry welcomes anyone who would like to volunteer.

The food pantry is located at 9972 Hwy. 603 in Bay St. Louis.

Donations are always welcome, Wittliff said. People can also donate via Paypal at www.hancockcountyfoodpantry.org or mail donations to P.O. Box 4313, Bay St. Louis, MS, 39521.

For more information, visit the pantry's Facebook page at Hancock County Food Pantry and contact volunteers at 228-467-2790.

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someone who drank the least, but someone who has not been drinking at all."

Getting to the New Year's celebration is important. Here are additional tips from MDOT that can help motorists arrive at their destination safely:

Always buckle up. Seat belts save lives and can be your best defense against injury or death.

Avoid all distractions. Concentrate on the road and your surroundings.

Slow down and be mindful of construction zones and workers in the area.

Watch out for wildlife. Around dawn and dusk, you are more likely to encounter deer. Slow down and use extra caution while driving during these times.

Be aware of other drivers. Don't assume everyone is driving as safely as you are.

"We hope everyone enjoys celebrating the new year with loved ones," McGrath said. "Share with your loved ones the importance of planning ahead and never getting behind the wheel while under the influence of alcohol or drugs."

Surviving the New Year's Eve drive this year—and making it to the next year—can be as simple as being responsible and making good decisions. If you believe that someone may be driving under the influence, pull over and call local law enforcement immediately.

For more tips on traveling safely this holiday season, visit GoMDOT.com/drivesmartms.

For the most current travel and traffic information, visit MDOTTraffic.com, download the free MDOT Traffic app or like and follow @MississippiDOT on Facebook and Twitter.

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fugitives and also recovered multiple quantities of methamphetamine, large quantities of marijuana, amphetamine pills, and numerous items of drug usage paraphernalia, along with items used for processing and distributing narcotics for sale.

"Agents also seized 14 firearms and associated ammunition. Two small children were present and removed from the residence by a relative. A referral will be made to Mississippi Child Protective Services regarding the presence of the children."

All four suspects were apprehended and are awaiting trial.

"Sadly, this was another situation where supposed adults knowingly placed children in life-threatening danger, simply for the sake of convenience in satisfying their own drug habits, and in a place where large volumes of illegal drugs were being sold," Sheriff Ricky Adam said. "We will continue to pursue anyone involved in the illegal drug business in Hancock County, and cases where children are endangered will certainly receive prompt attention and aggressive prosecution."

7: Man charged with DUI causing death after car hits woman on Hwy. 603:

A Picayune woman died in early October after being hit by a car on Hwy. 603 and the driver who hit her was charged with DUI causing death.

Relatives said Kristy May Pate and a friend had been enjoying Cruisin' the Coast and were headed to New Orleans, when Pate offered to switch seats with the driver, who was feeling sleepy.

Pate was about to get into the driver's seat when she was hit by a vehicle driven by Shane Michael Hicks, 30, of Bay St. Louis, officers said.

Pate was airlifted to Ochsner Medical Center - Hancock, then flown to University Medical Center in New Orleans, where she was declared brain dead.

Both the Bay St. Louis Police Department and Hancock County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene.

Hicks was initially charged with DUI first offense, Adam said, but the charges were upgraded to DUi causing death after Pate was declared dead. He is now awaiting trial in the case.

6: Kiln man arrested for allegedly molesting 4-year-old Saucier girl:

Harrison County Sheriff Troy Peterson said in a press release in March that Waco Renshaw, II, age 28, of Kiln, had been charged with one felony count of touching a child for lustful purposes.

The arrest stemmed from a report filed by the mother of a four-year-old girl, who "disclosed Renshaw had molested her during the time that (he) lived with her and her mother," Peterson said. "The alleged incidents occurred (in) Saucier. After investigators conducted interviews, a warrant for Renshaw's arrest was issued."

He is currently awaiting trial.

5: Two HHS students arrested after stolen gun sold at school:

Officers of the Hancock County Sheriff's Offices investigated two separate incidents at Hancock High School earlier this month, including one in which a 14-year-old student apparently took a 9mm pistol belonging to his mother and sold it to another student at the school, authorities said.

"There were two 14-year-olds," Hancock Chief Deputy Don Bass said, "one takes the gun and brings it to school and trades it to the other one for some shoes and some money (about $100). They found it at the other juvenile's house in Diamondhead."

"They were both charged with possession of a firearm on school property," Bass said. "They were both charged with possession of a stolen firearm. One was charged with stealing a firearm."

Both students have already been to youth court in the matter and remanded back to their parents, Bass said.

4: 17 arrested in two drug raids :

Hancock County Sheriff's Narcotics agents in April arrested 17 people in two separate drug busts at Bayside Park.

"On Friday, April 20, agents with the Hancock County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Division executed a search warrant and a felony arrest warrant at (a home on) Jeff Davis Drive in the Bayside Community," Narcotics Cmdr. Jeremy Skinner said in a press release issued at the time. "The search warrant was obtained after an investigation and surveillance operations regarding illegal narcotic transactions at the residence. During the search warrant, agents recovered multiple quantities of methamphetamine along with a significant amount of drug paraphernalia."

Seven arrests were made at that residence, Skinner said, on charges include sale of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia and petit larceny.

"Immediately following the search warrant on Jeff Davis Drive, agents proceeded to (a home on) Sunflower Drive in Bayside in an attempt to serve an outstanding felony warrant on," another suspect, Skinner said. "During the attempt to arrest him, agents observed illegal narcotics and paraphernalia throughout the residence. All persons on the scene were secured and a search warrant for that residence was obtained.

Skinner said additional methamphetamine and paraphernalia were located inside the home. Agents arrested 10 people in that raid, Skinner said.

The suspects are still awaiting further court proceedings.

3: Man dies after leaping from Bay St. Louis bridge:

A man plunged to his death from the Bay St. Louis bridge on a Nov. 3.

Emergency dispatch called multiple agencies to the scene at about 10:30 a.m. that day after witnesses reported a man had leaped off the bridge in to the bay.

Officials quickly located the man and pulled him into a U.S. Coast Guard boat and began resuscitation as the pilot headed toward the Bay Municipal Harbor to meet an ambulance, but to no avail.

Hancock County Coroner Jim Faulk was initially called to the scene, but officials determined the man had actually died on the Harrison County side. Harrison County Coroner Gary Hargrove was then called in to declare time of death.

The witnesses who reported the incident had told dispatchers the man jumped from the middle of the bridge, officials said, but his car was found parked on the Harrison County side.

Hargrove ruled the case a suicide and the victim's name was not formally released.

2: Apparent shooting spree in multiple locations in Bay St. Louis:

An apparent shooting spree in multiple locations in Bay St. Louis in June had Hancock County law enforcement officers working overtime. Two men had been shot at Martin Luther King Park, and one of them -- D'Ante Washington -- later died of his injuries at a New Orleans hospital.

Shortly after police arrived at the park and secured the scene, several of them headed towards another location which was said to be connected to the park shooting. A large, older-model white sedan was found in a nearby area off of Washington Street near Highway 90.

Before officials could even clear that scene, another call came in of shots fired in another nearby area. Witnesses said a home in the 200 block of Watts Street, around the corner from the park, was shot up, with a family inside.

Two suspects in the shooting were taken into custody. Armon Joseph Crawford, 18, turned himself in to Gulfport police in July; and Xavier Lamar Simmons, 19, was taken into custody by the US Marshal Service in Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana, in late September. The case is currently working its way through the court system. Both suspects were charged with armed robbery, murder and aggravated assault. Crawford, of Gulfport, was released on $500,000 in bonds in September. Simmons, of D'Iberville, is still awaiting extradition to Mississippi.

1: Kiln mother kills son in apparent self-defense:

In November, Hancock County Sheriff Ricky Adam said a Kiln mother was forced to shoot her 21-year-old son to death in an act of self defense.

"An argument of some type occurred," Adam said. "then the son threatened the mother with a knife. It escalated from there."

According to Adam, Matthew Boudan's mother had been having ongoing issues with her son. Adam said Boudan held a knife to his mother's throat and threatened to kill her in the living room of her country home. She was somehow able to get free and head toward the bedroom, Adam said, but he followed her in a fit of rage. That's when she grabbed a gun and shot him.

Authorities called for a life flight but Boudan was too unstable to fly. He was transferred by AMR to Hancock Medical Center, where a short time later he was pronounced dead.

No arrests have been made. Investigators found evidence at the scene to corroborate the account, Adam said, and the matter is currently officially considered as an act of self defense.

Echo file photo

Sheriff's deputies investigate a shooting in Kiln.

Obituaries

MARGIE LABAUVE
RAY ALLEN TOMASICH

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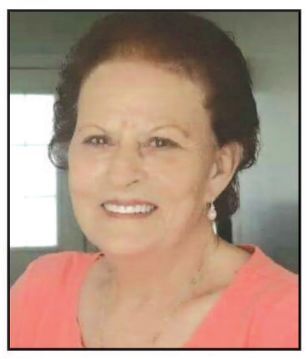

Margie LaBauve, age 80, passed away on Monday, December 24, 2018 at her residence in Kiln.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph W. LaBauve; parents, Harold and Lillian Ladner Page; sons, Duke James Labauve and Woodrow LaBauve, Jr.; sister, Geineve White.

She is survived by her children, Pierre Labauve (Sandi) of Oregon, Murphy John Labauve (Elaine) of Kiln, Evelyn Marks (Randy) of Arnaudville, LA, Pauline LaBauve of Bay St. Louis, and Ricky LaBauve of Bay St. Louis; brother, Harold Page (Linda) of Kiln; cousin, Lillie Shavers of Kiln; 12 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren.

A visitation will be held Sunday, December 30, 2018 from 5:00PM until 8:00PM at RIEMANN FAMILY FUNERAL HOME, 9113 Kiln DeLisle Road, Pass Christian. A funeral service will be held at 11:00AM on Monday, December 31, 2018 at the funeral home chapel. A burial will follow the service at Biloxi National Cemetery.

Online condolences and pictures can be shared at www.riemannfamily.com

RAY ALLEN TOMASICH

Ray Allen Tomasich, age 64 of Kiln, passed away on December 21, 2018.

The funeral is at 2 PM, Mon., 12/31/18, at RIEMANN FAMILY FUNERAL HOME, Pass Christian, with a visitation from 12 PM until 2 PM. Burial will follow at Alphonse Malley Cemetery, Kiln.

www.riemannfamily.com

Celebrate the New Year safely

SEA COAST ECHO

JACKSON, Miss. – Commissioner of Insurance and State Fire Marshal Mike Chaney urges Mississippians to stay safe if using fireworks to celebrate the New Year. Statistics from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) indicate that fireworks cause an average of almost 18,500 reported fires a year.

"Anyone choosing to handle fireworks this holiday needs to be especially mindful of proper safety precautions," Chaney said. "In particular, you need to be careful if young children are around as they are often more likely to get hurt."

The risk of fireworks injury is highest for young people ages 0-4, followed by children 10-14. Sparklers, often a favorite with children, accounted for 30% of injuries in 2014, they can reach up to 1200 ° Fahrenheit, which is hot enough to cause third-degree burns.

Chaney added that anyone using or planning to be around any type of fireworks be also mindful of their pets. Check with your local veterinarian and animal shelters to help protect your animals from becoming frightened by fireworks.

For those choosing to use fireworks, the Mississippi State Fire Marshal suggests you follow these safety tips:

• Observe local laws. Those wishing to purchase and use fireworks should first check with their fire protection officials to make sure that local laws are being followed.

o Some municipalities prohibit fireworks from being used within city limits.

o Additional zoning regulations prohibiting the use of fireworks may apply in non-municipal areas.

o If you are unsure whether it is legal to use fireworks in your area, first check with local officials.

• Use common sense and always read and follow the directions on each firework.

• Never point or throw fireworks at another person.

• Buy from reliable fireworks sellers. Store them in a cool, dry place.

• Always have an adult present when shooting fireworks.

• Put used fireworks in a bucket of water and have a hose ready.

• Only use fireworks outdoors, away from homes, dry grass, and trees.

• Light only one item at a time and keep a safe distance.

• Never experiment or attempt to make your own fireworks.

• Never re-ignite malfunctioning fireworks.

• Never give fireworks to small children.

• Never carry fireworks in your pocket.

• Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.

Make it home for the holidays

SEA COAST ECHO

The Mississippi Highway Patrol will begin the New Year's Enforcement Period on Monday, December 31 at 12:01 a.m. and will conclude Tuesday, January 1 at midnight.

The ongoing MHP safety initiative "Making It Home for The Holidays" continues to place emphasis on traffic safety regarding motorists traveling throughout the holiday season. During the 2017 period, MHP investigated 119 vehicle crashes including 1 fatality on state, federal highways, and interstate systems.

If plans include alcohol, please designate a sober driver before festivities start. No one should begin 2019 with being arrested, facing medical bills, legal fees, and perhaps losing their job. Responsible decisions ensure safe travel and allows everyone to enjoy time spent with family and friends.

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Farmer sent to Reds as part of seven-player deal

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
STAFF WRITER

Since before the winter meetings began for the executives of Major League Baseball, the front offices of the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Cincinnati Reds had engaged in long and detailed talks about possible trades and arrangements that could help both squads become better equipped for the 2019 season and the free agent market.

On Friday, December 21st the first step in that process for both squads came to fruition that resulted in a seven-player deal and cash that both teams say bettered their positions for the future.

The Dodgers traded a pair of power-hitting outfielders Matt Kemp and Yasiel Puig, LHP Alex Wood, utility player Kyle Farmer and $7 million in cash to the Reds for veteran RHP Homer Bailey and a pair of minor league prospects INF Jeter Downs and RHP Josiah Gray.

Farmer is the grandson of Honorable & Mrs. Walter J. Gex, III, senior United States District Judge, of Diamondhead and Mrs. Kay Gex of Jackson and the son of Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Farmer of Atlanta.

Farmer, who recently made a surprise stop to speak to the Saint Stanislaus College baseball team when he was in town for a family reunion on December 15th, spoke about the trade, "I am extremely excited about the trade. The Cincinnati Reds have an incredible history and are a tremendous organization. An even bigger plus with the trade

Los Angeles Dodger baseball organization

Kyle Farmer

is I will be playing a little closer to home and with my best friend, Alex Wood. It always helps when you go somewhere new with someone that you have a relationship with."

From the outside, and all MLB experts are in agreement, this trade was made to clear the way for the Dodgers to possibly sign free agent Bryce Harper. The trade cleared a crowded outfield and possible confusion in a starting lineup. In terms of money, the Dodgers save about $7 million in actual salary and roughly $16 million in luxury-tax calculations; however, signing Harper would send the Dodgers over the $206 million tax threshold.

Kemp, Puig, and Wood will all be free agents in 2019 and all are paid well. Kemp will earn $21.5 million in 2019 while Wood and Puig are set to receive a combined amount of $20.3 million through arbitration.

Kemp was originally drafted in 2003 by the Dodgers in the sixth round. He is a .286 lifetime hitter with 1,768 hits, 1,005 RBIs, 280 homeruns and 183 stolen bases. He was an All-Star in 2018 while helping lead the Dodgers to the 2018 World Series. Kemp was also an All-Star in 2011 and 2012, a two-time Silver Slugger (2009, 2011) and a two-time Gold Glove (2009, 2011). He was named the 2011 NL Hank Aaron award winner, 2011 NL Homerun leader, 2011 NL RBI leader and hit for the cycle on August 14, 2015.

Kemp played for the Dodgers from 2006-14, San Diego Padres 2015-16, and the Atlanta Braves 2016-17 before returning to Los Angeles prior to last seasson.

Puig defected from Cuba in 2012 and was signed by the Dodgers to a $42 million contract following his time with the Cuban National team.

He was an All-Star in 2014 and played on the Dodgers' World Series teams in 2017 and 2018.

He has played his entire career with the Dodgers and is a lifetime .279 hitter with 108 homeruns, 331 RBIs and 60 stolen bases.

Wood led the Dodgers in starts last season with 27 and finished with a 9-7 record with a 3.68 ERA. He helped lead the Dodgers to their 2017 and 2018 World Series appearances and was an All-Star in 2017.

He was originally drafted by the Atlanta Braves in the second round in 2012 and played with the Braves from 2013-15 before joining Los Angeles. He has a career record of 52-40 in 172 games played with an ERA of 3.29 and 738 strikeouts.

Farmer, an All-American shortstop from Georgia, was drafted in the eighth round by the Dodgers in 2013 and converted to a catcher.

He made his professional debut on July 30, 2017, and hit a walk-off two run double in his first Major League at-bat in the 11th inning against the San Francisco Giants.

It was the first time a Dodger rookie hit a walk-off game winner in their first Major League at-bat. Farmer made the roster for the 2017 World Series. He has a MLB career average of. 250 with 11 RBIs.

The Dodgers released Homer Bailey following the trade on the same day after he waived his no-trade rights. Bailey will be paid $28 million in 2019 and a $5 million buyout in 2020.

Bailey was the USA Today National High School Player of the Year in 2004. He was drafted by the Reds with the seventh overall pick in 2004. He was 1-14 with a 6.09 ERA in 2018 and has an overall record of 67-77 with a 4.56 ERA.

Downs, an infielder, was drafted last year and has a lifetime average of .260 in the minor leagues with 19 homeruns and 76 RBIs in 170 games played.

Gray, a right-handed pitcher, was drafted by the Reds in the second round of the 2018 draft out of LeMoyne College in New York.

He posted a 2-2 record with a 2.58 ERA with the Greenville Reds.

Farmer added, "It has been discussed with my agent that the Reds will continue to use me as a super-utility player. I am looking forward to competing and earning a roster spot. I will play wherever I can. The Reds are getting four quality players in the trade. Alex Wood will give them 30 starts this season and he will be a solid starter for their pitching staff. Yasiel Puig is a fun player to watch and he is a powerful competitor at the plate. Matt Kemp is a crafty veteran who has been in the league a long time. He is an everyday big-leaguer. Great American Ball Park is a friendly park for hitters so it should be fun to watch (Yasiel) Puig and (Matt) Kemp hit. I am looking forward to spring training starting soon and can't wait to get started."

Farmer has played his entire professional career as a super-utility player. For the big-league Dodgers squad, he primarily played catcher and third base; however, in the minor leagues, Farmer played around the horn at every infield position.

Spring training begins February 12th when pitchers and catchers report to Goodyear, Arizona.

The Dodgers (92-71) won the National League - West division and played in the 2018 World Series losing to the Boston Red Sox in five games.

The Cincinnati Reds (67-95), billed as baseball's first professional team, placed fifth in the National League - Central division. They compete in a division with the Chicago Cubs, St. Louis Cardinals, Pittblsburgh Pirates and Milwaukee Brewers.

From a special perspective, this writer's first trip to a Major League Ball park was in the mid 1970s when our family would make regular summer trips back to Columbus, Ohio, to visit my mother's family. My mother, Ginny Gex, was born and raised in Columbus before making her way down South to Ole Miss where she met my father, Jody. She and my father would bring myself and my younger brothers back each summer to visit until us boys began to get involved in athletics which put a stop to annual summer trips.

We regularly stopped in Cincinnati to take in a Reds game either on the way up or back home each summer. I can still remember seeing Johnny Bench, Pete Rose, Joe Morgan, Dave Concepcion and so many other Big Red Machine players taking the field at Riverfront Stadium along the Ohio River.

Now, if I am lucky enough to make it back to Cincinnati for a game, perhaps I will see a cousin take the field near the spot where my mom and dad first took a bright-eyed and mesmerized youngster to his very first professional game of any kind. See you at the game!

Local softball player to represent Gulf Coast in national tournament

SEA COAST ECHO

A natural athlete, Hailey Ledet has been playing sports since she was able to walk. Now, at the age of 12, she has been nominated and chosen to play in the Softball Youth All American Games in Orlando this January.

A native of Bay St. Louis Hailey has been playing with the Dixie Girls Softball League as well as her travel softball team, the Bay Bomb Squad.

With the help of her coaches and parents, she has been able to excel in the sport while maintaining Honor Roll status every year, according to her mom, Ashley Mayley.

"Not only does Hailey play softball almost year 'round with the Bomb Squad, she also plays volleyball, softball, soccer, and dances as a Tigerette for Bay Waveland Middle School along with dance at the Studio of Classique Vibe," Ashley said.

Hailey will travel to Orlando to represent the Gulf Jan. 2-5.

Proud parents, Ashley Mayley and BJ Ledet will accompany her as well as her younger sister, Reese, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and many others watching from Facebook live feeds. Stay tuned for updates.

"We are so proud of you Hailey and we know you'll represent Bay St. Louis and the Mississippi Gulf Coast like the champion you are," Ashley said. "Good luck, Kid!"

Bay St. Louis native Hailey Ledt will represent the Mississippi Gulf Coast in the Softball Youth All American Games in Orlando, Fla., Jan. 2-5.

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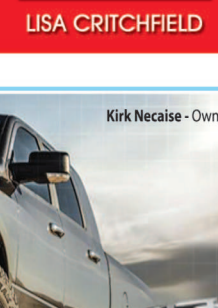

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helped plant the trees in front of the church.

• The elders at Dunbar Village described 18-year-old volunteer Jacob McCoy as a "great little fella with a lovely personality." The Pass Christian High School graduate volunteered at Dunbar Village twice a week at first and then later, every day. "I love people and working with people," Jacob said. "It's a good experience for a young student to have. There's a lot of loving and caring people here. I get to be friendly with all of them, walk in, and see smiles on faces."

• This year, eight fourth-graders from Dana Brown's class at North Bay Elementary applied and secured the position of junior reporter at the Sea Coast Echo. Since the beginning of the program, five students have covered and written stories covering various school events such as Bank Day, an author visit, the book fair, the fourth grade election, the school's Veterans Day program. Their stories were featured in both print and online. This year's junior reporters included: Seiven Jones, Giovanna Sowders, Libby Benigno, Cameron Lanning, Imani Brown, Pedro Solis, Oliver Lassiter, and Braden Thomas. Stay tuned for more for more stories from our junior reporters in 2019.

Dynamic Senior Citizens

• World War II veteran of the Australian Army, breast cancer survivor and the King's Kitchen volunteer Necia Utz celebrated her 95th birthday this year. She is one of the soup kitchen's original volunteers and serves food every Tuesday and Thursday. "I'll volunteer as long as I'm able," Utz said. "I like the people I work with and our pastor." During WWII Utz was stationed at the Army Post in Sydney, Australia where she "made sure the soldiers got their mail."

• This year, Oreader Richardson celebrated her 105th birthday. Her friends at the Hancock County Senior Center — who threw her a surprise party — referred to her as 'Aunt Rita.' Richardson was a staple at the senior center since the doors opened 34 years ago. At her birthday celebration, Oreader credited a daily of cup of hot water in the morning for her good health and extended age."I just love the senior citizens," Oreader said. "They're all so good to me. And not only me, but they're good to everybody. I thank the Lord for 105 years and I keep on trusting in the Lord." Oreader passed away on Nov. 14, 2018.

• This year, 92-year-old WWII Army veteran Joe Duteil Jr. and his wife 89-year-old Shirley celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary this year. Joe was stationed in France as a lineman on long distance wires. He received two battle stars for the Battle of the Bulge and African Campaign. Joe and Shirley had two daughters and now reside at Dunbar Village in Bay St. Louis. Shirley said their life together has been great. "He's very understanding and doesn't blow his stack like I do," she said. "He lets me. I always keep him on his toes."

Echo file photo

Ruth's Root mural by Micky Arnold.

Historic Legislation

• This year, Gov. Phil Bryant signed Senate Bill No. 2463 into state law, the first legislation for rare diseases in Mississippi. The Sea Coast Echo traveled to Biloxi to capture the moment. District 46 Sen. Philip Moran and District 52 Sen. Brice Wiggins authored the bill and it will "provide that the University of Mississippi Medical Center as the lead agency, together with the state department of health, the division of Medicaid and the Mississippi Health Information Network, shall cooperate with others in preparing a comprehensive report on the state of rare diseases in Mississippi." Both senators, as well as Nancy Depreo, Mississippi Volunteer State Ambassador for the Rare Action Network, witnessed the historic event. Bryant was also surrounded by Josh and Angel Myers, parents of seven-year-old Sophia Myers, who passed away last October from Diffuse Instrinsic Pontine Glioma; Amber Olsen and Thomas Cannan, parents of four-year-old Willow Cannan who is fighting Multiple Sulfatase Deficiency; and 12-year-old Levi Krystosek who has Jansen's Metaphyseal Chondroplaysia.

Echo file photo

WWII veteran and breast cancer survivor Necia Utz volunteers every week at The King's Kitchen.

Building up the Community

• This year, former Waveland resident Sarge Washington hosted a dedication of a bus stop in honor of his mother Earllean and in memory of his father Charlie. The bus stop is located at the corner of Herlihy and Hart Streets. "My dad, the community, and his friends built the original bus stop in the '80," Sarge said. "They (children) see this and know people can come together to put things together." Sarge and his wife Rebecca funded the project.

• Also this year, the Hancock County NAACP began a new initiative to "take back" Martin Luther King Park in Bay St. Louis. The group hosted "Sunday's in the Park," a family day focused on creating a safe zone for local children. Since the late '90s, the park has become less a haven for children and more a place for adults to hang out, sometimes drink and to take and sell drugs. In June, 23-year-old D'Ante Washington was fatally shot at the park. "We are fighting back to utilize the park, to have activities going on to replace those illicit activities," Hancock County NAACP President Gregory Barabino said.

• Bobby the pug is a registered therapy dog. He and his owner, Heather Deaton, live in Diamondhead and visit the senior citizens at Woodland Village Nursing Center. Prior to moving to Diamondhead, Heather was diagnosed with Chiari Malformation, a condition characterized by the brain herniating out of the skull. She felt nothing below her spine and was confined to a wheelchair. After a year, Heather began to walk again. However, during testing, she was also diagnosed with autism, Asperger's Syndrome and narcolepsy. Heather said Bobby will often choose a senior to bond with. "He's a gift and has a gift," Heather said. "I didn't know if I would walk again and I know what it's like to be in a wheelchair and lonely. I know what it's like to have everything taken away."

• During the summer, several local artists participated in an art contest at Ruth's Roots community garden. It is located on the property of Jim and the late Ruth Thompson. It was the former location of Ruth's Cakery. Garden caretaker Elise Deano said that one of the only things left on the property was a concrete slab and she commissioned artist Micky Arnold to paint a portrait of Ruth. The portrait is surrounded by works of art completed by several local artists including: Tracie Smith, Dale Pohl, Yuki Northington, Ashley Church, Tim Kennedy, Lisa Wilbourn, Milo Stephens, and Lucinda L'enfant. Arnold said that Ruth's Roots is a "wonderful garden that's good for the community." "I see kids and their grandparents come to visit," she said. "The best was when her (Ruth) husband came to see the portrait and he cried."

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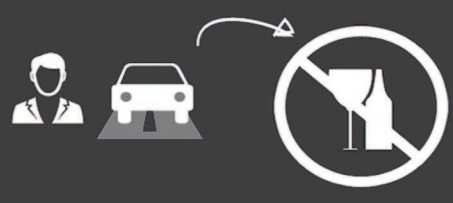
Happy New Year!

Designate a Driver

If you are going to be driving New Year's Eve, don't drink and drive. If you have a friend that prefers not to drink, make sure they take the wheel.



Be Alert

Be aware of your surroundings and how others are acting. Stay away from those who are out of control and might cause harm. Taking preventive measures is key. If someone is really intoxicated, prevent them from trying to drive or leaving with someone they do not know. It's important to keep an eye out for each other

Don't Drive

If you can avoid having to drive on New Year's Eve, do it. More people are driving under the influence on this particular night, so avoid a potentially dangerous accident by staying off the road. Using public transportation is a wise option.

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Comeaux & Negrotto lead the 2018 All-Sea Coast Echo football team

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2018 All-Sea Coast Echo defense: (kneeling, front, left to right) Trace Rhodes (SSC #22), Andrew Moffett (Pass Christian #13), Thomas Williams (SSC #84), Kameron Taylor (Bay #52). Standing (first row, left to right) Trevor Myers (Hancock #63), Nate McCormick (SSC #94), Trenton Ladner (Hancock #44), Noah Cutter (Bay #24), Hogan Benvenutti (SSC #71). Back row (left to right) Lee Negrotto (SSC #6), Cade Compretta (Bay #42), Gabe Singleton (Hancock #36), Damonta May (Pass Christian #2), and Colby McGough (Hancock #22).

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
STAFF WRITER

The 2018 gridiron season was one that began with high expectations for all area teams but when the dust settled just one team had advanced to the postseason, one team was left wondering what could have been and two teams were taking applications for a new head coach. That was after the second Friday in November.

Today, we feature many of the area's brightest stars for their outstanding individual contributions during the season and acknowledge an Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year. The 2018 version of the All-Sea Coast Echo team is the 19th annual squad of the area's finest football players.

Coaches and fans, invariably, will disagree about which phase of the game is the most important on the gridiron; however, I am sure nobody will disagree that offense puts fans in the stands. Who doesn't want to see fireworks resulting in bulbs being lit on the scoreboard.

The 2018 offense for the All-Sea Coast Echo football team is led by a senior running back who eclipsed the 1,000-yard mark a year after a devastating knee injury that cut his junior year short. The 2018 Offensive Player of the Year is Hancock High School running back Blake Comeaux.

Comeaux rushed for 1,190 yards on 223 attempts and 11 touchdowns. He added seven reception for 112 yards and two more scores. The 5'10", 200-lb fullback commented, "I could not have accomplished this honor without my offensive line opening the holes and skill guys blocking down the field. After losing Marquise Cherry and Rondell Womack to graduation, I knew that I had to step up to meet the challenge. Following my injury last year, I had put in a lot of rehabilitation to get ready for this year. I am not sure if I will play the game again in college. It will have to be the right situation for me. Right now, I am focusing on my academic future and what that may hold. What I will miss will be playing the game with the guys that I have grown up playing with for eight years."

Comeaux is receiving interest from Millsaps College, Mississippi College, Cornell College, and Sewanee – The University of the South; however, he is eagerly awaiting his possible acceptance to Georgetown University. In addition to football, Comeaux is President of National Honor Society, History/Government Club, National Spanish Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, Beta Club and is the reigning Beta Club Speech national champion. He wants to study Philosophy in college with a desire to attend law school.

Comeaux is joined on the offense with a host of offensive linemen that all graded out over 80% for the season. The first team offensive linemen are Quinton Fowler (6'4", 280lbs, Hancock, Sr.), Ronald Aleman (5'10", 250lbs, St. Stanislaus, Sr.), Alex Rimmer (6'3", 270lbs, St. Stanislaus, Sr.), Bryce Fegurgur (5'10", 220lbs, Bay High, Sr.), and Ken Nguyen (5'10", 205lbs, Pass Christian).

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2018 Offensive Player of the Year - Hancock Hawks running back Blake Comeaux.

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2018 Defensive Player of the Year - Saint Stanislaus College Rock-a-chaws linebacker Lee Negrotto.

Joining Comeaux in the backfield is QB Caleb Garcia (6', 150lbs, Hancock, Sr.), RB Brandon Bordelon (6'1", 180lbs, St. Stanislaus, Jr.), and Dominic Anderson (5'9", 160lbs, Bay High, Sr.). Garcia is a second-year starter for the Hawks and threw 13 touchdown passes and 1,536 yards on 86-for-167 passing. Bordelon was a do-it-all back for the Rocks who rushed for 518 yards and eight touchdowns on 72 carries, caught 25 passes for 313 yards and a score, and had nine kickoff returns for 262 yards and a touchdown. Anderson had 96 carries for 522 yards and four scores for the Tigers.

Lining up out wide were Brooks Rayburn (6'1", 180lbs, Hancock, Sr.), Payton Miller (5'10", 185lbs, Hancock, Sr.) and Dallas Payne (6'2", 170lbs, St. Stanislaus, Jr.) Rayburn, who recently signed a National Letter of Intent to play football for Nicholls State University tallied 24 receptions for 481 yards and two scores while Miller recorded 17 catches for 391 yards and eight touchdowns. Payne hauled in 44 receptions for 695 yards and three touchdowns.

William Weber (5'8", 150lbs, St. Stanislaus, Sr.) was selected as the kicker after he handled all the placekicking duties for the Rocks. During the season, Weber converted on 26-of-27 PATs and was 1-for-2 on field goals while also tallying 44 kickoffs for 1,667 yards and three touchbacks.

Joining the first team selections on offense were honorable mention selections Christian Sapp (6'3", 290lbs, Hancock, OL, Jr.), Max Favre (5'10", 150lbs, St. Stanislaus, QB, Jr.), Taylor Lafontaine (5'7", 140lbs, St, Stanislaus, WR, Jr.), Frank Reyes (6', 220lbs, Bay High, OL, Sr.), Maxwell Lewis (5'7", 155lbs, Bay High, RB, Sr.), Gordon Ward (5'9", 230lbs, Pass Christian, FB, Jr.), and Austin Hyde (6', 180lbs, Hancock, K, Jr.).

The area defenses were manned by a blitzing group of linebackers behind some powerful front lines and backed up by a ball-hawking group of defensive backs. The 2018 All-Sea Coast Echo defense was led by Defensive Player of the Year linebacker Lee Negrotto of Saint Stanislaus College.

Negrotto (6'4", 190lbs, Jr.) consistently had opposing offenses locating him on the field and running the opposite way; however, he

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2018 All-Sea Coast Echo offense: (kneeling) Blake Comeaux (Hancock #30). Middle row (left to right) Payton Miller (Hancock #25), Ronald Aleman (SSC #63), Bryce Fegurgur (Bay #51), Ken Nguyen (Pass Christian #50), Caleb Garcia (Hancock #18). Back row (left to right) William Weber (SSC #24), Dallas Payne (SSC #11), Brooks Rayburn (Hancock #12), Quinton Fowler (Hancock #57), Alex Rimmer (SSC#56), Brandon Bordelon (SSC #1), and Dominic Anderson (Bay #25).

still found ways to be around the ball and make plays. Negrotto commented, "Overall, I believe I could have performed better on defense; however, I was asked to be more involved in the offense as the year progressed which limited me somewhat on the defensive side of the ball. Going forward, I know that they will need me on both sides so I will be more prepared condition-wise to withstand the rigors of playing both ways. As the year started, I knew that I needed to step up on defense because we lost several talented players on that side of the ball to graduation. We performed well enough to help keep our team in many games; however, we know that there is a lot left to clean up to get better. That is the focus during this offseason."

Negrotto ended the year with 88 total tackles including 40 solos with 14 tackles for loss, five sacks and 12 quarterback hurries. When he was called to play on the offensive side, Negrotto snagged eight receptions for 140 yards.

Joining Negrotto on the defense are linemen Nate McCormick (6'1", 237lbs, St. Stanislaus, Sr.), Hogan Benvenutti (5'10", 205lbs, St. Stanislaus, Jr.), Kameron Taylor (5'10", 215lbs, Bay High, Sr.), and Trevor Myers (6'3", 212lbs, Hancock, Jr.), Together, the defensive line totaled 215 total tackles. McCormick led the way with 87 stops followed by Benvenutti with 72, Taylor 29 and Myers with 27.

At the midline were Cade Compretta (6', 205lbs, Bay High, Sr.), Thomas Williams (6', 194lbs, St. Stanislaus, Jr.), Trenton Ladner (6', 225lbs, Hancock, Sr.), and Colby McGough (6'1", 195lbs, Hancock, Jr.). Compretta led the way with 137 tackles followed by Ladner with 129, Williams 75 and McGough with 33.

In the defensive backfield were Gabe Singleton (6'1", 165lbs, Hancock, Sr.), Trace Rhodes (5'10", 170lbs, St. Stanislaus, Sr.), and Damonta May (5'11", 180lbs, Pass Christian, Sr.). Singleton had 15 tackles and three passes defended while Rhodes racked up 84 tackles and three interceptions. May had 46 tackles with four picks with one returned for a touchdown.

In the defensive kicking game, freshman Noah Cutter of Bay High stepped up to prove that he was worthy of being handed the ball to pin opponents deep. During the season, the first-year punter tallied 27 punts for a 34-yard average with 11 kicks downed inside the 20 yard line.

The all-purpose player for the 2018 season is Andrew Moffett of Pass Christian. The 6', 180-lb athlete had 63 tackles on defense combined with 23 carries for 161 yards and 12 receptions for 112 yards.

Joining the first tea selections on defense are Jordan Calomese (6'3", 205lbs, Bay High, DE, Jr.), Dylan Spiers (5'10", 180lbs, Bay High, LB, Sr.), Larry James (5'9", 155lbs, Bay High, DB, Sr.), Maxwell Lewis (5'7", 155lbs, Bay High, AP, Sr.), Tanner Lemon (5'10", 170lbs, Hancock, DB, So.), Reese Gorman (5'11", 210lbs, Pass Christian, LB, Jr.), Josh Tinson (5'8", 160lbs, Pass Christian, DB, Sr.), Austin Scanlon (6', 160lbs, Pass Christian, P), Trustin Northington (6'1", 150lbs, St. Stanislaus, S, So.), and Brandon Bordelon (6'1", 180lbs, St. Stanislaus, AP, Jr.)

Now, with the end of the high school football season, the college bowl season underway, and the dawn of the NFL playoffs upon us, the gridiron season beacon is beginning to dim. Until the dawn of the 2019 season in August, see you at the game!

MDMR Marine Information Calendars

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BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources' 2019 Marine Information Calendars are now available at locations along the Coast.

The agency held a photo contest earlier this year, and those chosen are featured each month, as well as on photo pages in the calendar.

The winners of the photo contest are: Cover, Amanda Phillips; January, Mandy Sartain; February, Eric Sparks; March, William Lee; April, Daniel Wilson; May, Courtney Walker; June, David Salters; July, Colin McCain; August, Margie Strickland; September, Sylvia Anderson; October, Jane Anne Sawyer; November, Tim Lawton; December, Patricia Richardson.

This year's calendar features the offices and programs that MDMR administers to protect those coastal resources. The free calendar also contains such information as tide data, sunrise and sunset times, moon phases, artificial reef coordinates, size and possession limits for fish, boating safety requirements and Mississippi saltwater fish records.

The calendars will be available at the following locations while supplies last. Calendars will also be available at Coast bait shops.

Bay St. Louis:

· The Sea Coast Echo, 124 Court St., 228-467-5473

· Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, 100 S. Beach Blvd Ste A, 228-467-9048

Pass Christian:

· Pass Christian City Hall, 200 West Scenic Drive 228-452-3311

· Pass Christian Harbor Master's Office, 115 Market St., 228-452-5128

Alice Moseley Museum raising funds for Hancock High's Drama Club

SEA COAST ECHO

Alice Moseley Museum is proud to support Hancock High's Drama Club in it's quest for a State Performance Award for their self production of "The Felt Brown Hat". They have received recent regional awards and now move on to further State competition.

They will be doing a public invited performance of this show on January 8, 2019 @ 7 PM at the Hancock County Performance Arts Center located near Hancock High School.

There will be a Silent Auction and other offerings to raise funds to help defray their expenses to the Finals in Meridian, Ms. in late January 2019. Admission is minimal to this performance and donations also may be given the night of the performance. NOTE: Please make all checks payable to HANCOCK HIGH EDUCATION FOUNDATION and put on memo line HANCOCK HIGH DRAMA CLUB.

Mailed donations can be sent to Alice Moseley Museum P.O. Box 2069 Bay St. Louis, Ms. 39521-2069

Any Silent Auction items for donation, information needed, please call: Mr. Gladfelters @ 228-363-2313 / sgladfelters@hancockschools.net Sarah @ 228-304-5650/ Sbowden@hancockschools.net

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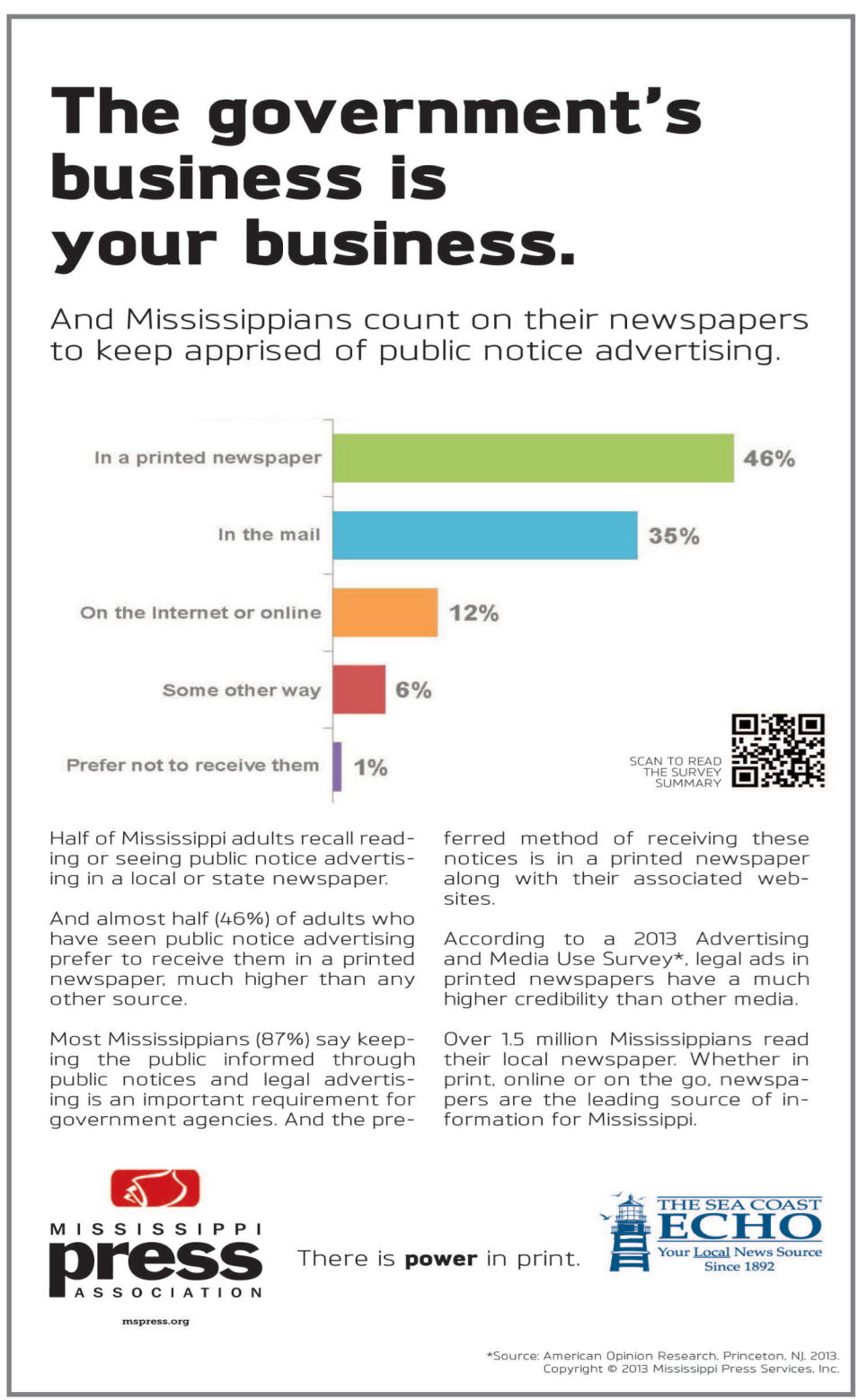

The Community CALENDAR

December 31

• Bourgeois Stieffel Ray Sons of the American Legion Squadron #77 of Waveland will host a New Year's Eve celebration featuring Elvis impersonator Nick Perkins and professional country legends impersonator Dana Myers. Together they will perform on stage at the American Legion Hall, located at 503 Waveland Ave. Doors open at 7 p.m. Event starts at 8:30 p.m. and lasts until midnight. Tickets are $15 each and can be purchased at the American Legion on Tuesday and Thursday or by calling 228-467-2198. This is a BYOB event as well as bring your own snacks for your table. Soft drinks and beer will be available for purchase. Party favors will be distributed. Come ring in the New Year with Nick and Dana and listen to some of the best country music legends such as Elvis, Conway Twitty, George Jones, Johnny Cash, Loretta Lynn, Patsy Cline, Shania Twain and others. All proceeds support our veterans.

• The Country Gentlemen Band will perform at the VFW New Year's Eve Dance at the Kiln VFW, 16111 VFW Rd., beginning at 8 p.m. on Dec. 31. Cost is $10 per person. For more information, call 228-463-9585.

January 2

• Former Katrina volunteer and Waveland, MS resident, Mike Rechtien, along with his film production partner, Susan Forsythe Craig of Wauconda, IL, are hosting the "5-star reviewed" and 2nd Annual "Southern States Indie FanFilmFest" at the Palace in Biloxi, Jan. 2 - 4. With an emphasis on films from the Southern States, the festival has also selected projects from 30 different countries. Last year's event saw filmmaker attendees from as far away as Scotland and Australia. The festival hosts morning panels for filmmakers and film screenings for everyone from 11 a.m. until approximately 10 p.m., and until 4 p.m. on Friday. A full day's screening pass costs only $10 and all three days just $25. These can be purchased on site. The public is welcome to attend. Festival programs will be available at the Reception Desk at the Palace during the festival. The festival wraps up with a Red Carpet Awards Dinner for the filmmakers and their guests on Friday evening. This year's screening schedule, film nominations, and photos from last year can be found at https://southernstatesindiefanfilmfest.com. Updates and nomination clips will be posted daily until the festival at https://www.facebook.com/southernstatesindiefanfilmfest.

January 5

• Come enjoy the return of this Kid's Sock Caterpillars: Children's Workshop at the Crosby Arboretum, located at 370 Ridge Rd, Picayune, with Kim Johnson! Children will create their very own stuffed caterpillar and will receive a birth certificate to place the caterpillar's name on. All materials will be provided. Adult must be present to assist. Includes snacks and refreshments. Members $4 per child; non-member $6. No charge for adults. Reservations requested. The event last from 10 to 11 a.m. For more information, contact Arboretum staff at 601-799-2311.

January 8

• WW — formerly known as Weight Watchers — will meet Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at the Hancock County Resource Center, located at 454 Hwy. 90, Waveland, led by Wellness Coach Anne Hale and team. Weigh-in (wellness check-in) at 5:30 p.m. Invite a friend.

January 12

• Feral hogs are a non-native, invasive species which are spreading at an alarming rate, and presenting serious issues for property owners. Learn about the types of damage these nuisance wildlife cause , the variety of control options available, and the history of how these animals came to be such a problem, at Controlling Wild Hogs at the Crosby Arboretum, located at 370 Ridge Rd., Picayune from 10 to 11 a.m. with Pearl River County Extension Agent Dr. Eddie Smith Program is free to all. Reservations requested. For more information, contact Arboretum staff at 601-799-2311.

January 15

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January 17

• The Hancock/Harrison County Forestry and Wildlife Association will host its annual meeting on January 17 at the Lyman Community Center located at 13742 Hwy. 49 North in Gulfport (located just north of Tractor Supply). Mr. Butch Bailey, Forestry Specialist with Mississippi State University Extension, will be speaking on the 'Future of Forestry'. The costs for the program is $10 Individual, $20 Individual Membership, or $30 Couples Membership. Registration for the program begins at 5:30 PM with the program beginning at 6:00 PM with a meal provided. Pre-registration is required by January 11 by contacting Tim Ray at Harrison County Extension at 228-865-4227 or email tim.ray@msstate.edu.

January 18

• A benefit concert with featured artist The Kingsmen and Gold City Quartets will be held at 7 p.m. at the Heritage United Methodist Church, located at Hwy. 98 west in Hattiesburg. Tickets on sale now. Advance ticket cost: Artist circle $25 each - General admission $20 each - Groups of 10 or more $18 each. Order tickets by phone at 601-261-3371 or online at www.itickets.com. Tickets available at the Heritage UMC office (Mon.-Thur. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon.) For information, call the church office at 601-261-3371. All proceeds go to R3SM (Recovery, Rebuild, Restore Southeast Mississippi) who coordinates restoration, rebuilding, and disaster recovery services to low-income families and individuals living in Mississippi's Pinebelt. Seating is limited.

January 19

• Children's Sign Language Workshop at the Crosby Arboretum, located at 370 Ridge Rd., Picayune from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Join us for this exciting day of demonstrations by area metalworkers and craftsmen. Learn techniques and tips to get started in metalworking and try your hand at the forge, exhibitors permitting. (signed waiver form required prior to participation.) Browse items by craftsmen for purchase. Members Free, non members $5, non member children $2. Senior/Military $4. For more information, contact Arboretum staff at 601-799-2311.

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January 26

• Forge Day at the Crosby Arboretum, located at 370 Ridge Rd., Picayune from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Join us for this exciting day of demonstrations by area metalworkers and craftsmen. Learn techniques and tips to get started in metalworking and try your hand at the forge, exhibitors permitting. (signed waiver form required prior to participation.) Browse items by craftsmen for purchase. Members Free, non members $5, non member children $2. Senior/Military $4. For more information, contact Arboretum staff at 601-799-2311.

January 28

• Holy Trinity will host a New Student Open House on from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the school campus. Holy Trinity is a Catholic elementary school for children ages 2 through 6th grade. Our nurturing classroom atmosphere offers a quality education instilled in Catholic traditions and strong academics. Students are provided the opportunity to attend weekly Mass, as well as monthly Adoration in the school Chapel. We also offer Before and After-Care; weekly Art, Music, PE, Library, and Computer classes; bus service to Diamondhead; and a special resource instructor to support student learning. Please join us for a tour of our campus, and see why for over 50 years, our school has been committed to teaching and modeling Catholic Christian morals and values, while creating a safe, caring, and respectful environment that supports academic excellence and a love of learning based on Catholic traditions. For more information, please contact the school office at 228-467-5158. We are located directly behind Our Lady Academy and across the street from St. Stanislaus on 301 S. Second Street, Bay St. Louis.

January 29

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February 2

• Flower Planting Project: Children's Workshop at the Crosby Arboretum, located at 370 Ridge Rd., Picayune from 11 a.m. to noon. Children will enjoy this program with Master Gardener Amy Nichols. "Ms. Flora" will read them a story and teach them about the parts of a flower. For the Sunflower Planting Project, the will plant seeds and making their very own mini-greenhouse to take home. Members' children $2; non-member children $4. Must be accompanied by parent or guardian (no charge for adults). For more information, contact Arboretum staff at 601-799-2311.

February 9

• Children's Great Backyard Bird County and Build a Bird Feeder at the Crosby Arboretum, located at 370 Ridge Rd., Picayune from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Audubon's Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is a fun and easy event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of bird populations. Children and their parents will learn how to prepare for participating in this annual citizen-science activity that takes place over Presidents Day weekend. They will also build a bird feeder to attract birds to their backyards. Members' children $2, non-members' children $4. Children must be accompanied by parent or guardian (no charge for adults). For more information, contact Arboretum staff at 601-799-2311.

February 16

• Children's Sign Language Workshop at the Crosby Arboretum, located at 370 Ridge Rd., Picayune from 10 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. Have you ever wanted to communicate with the non-hearing or nonverbal person? Learn basic ASL signs to communicate with others. In this workshop with Kim Johnson kids will learn some basics of sign language such as "What is your name?" "My name is…" "Want to play?" "Do you need help?" and more. Each child will receive handouts to help them remember what they have just learned. Refreshments and snacks served. $2 per member child; non-member $4. Must be accompanied by parent/guardian (adults, no charge). For more information, contact Arboretum staff at 601-799-2311.

February 23

• Maintaining Home Landscapes at the Crosby Arboretum, located at 370 Ridge Rd., Picayune from 10 to 11 a.m. Improve your home landscape and retain or even increase its property value through regular maintenance and proper care, with Pearl River County Extension Agent Dr. Eddie Smith, Learn how to maintain a variety of popular landscape plants, recognize various diseases, pests, nutrient deficiencies, how to prepare your landscapes for changing seasons, and how to adapt your maintenance practices to a maturing landscape. Members $3; non-members, $5. Reservations requested. For more information, contact Arboretum staff at 601-799-2311.

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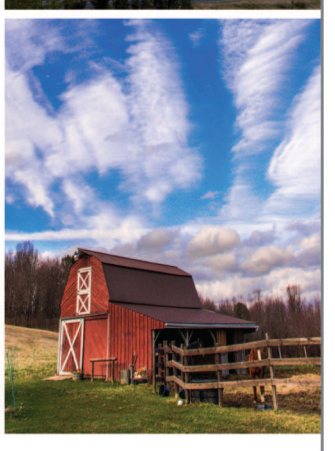
Meet Ebony, who absolutely adores children, and is a favorite of our young volunteers who join us at Pet Smart on Saturdays for our weekly dog adoption event. She is a super sweet, 7 month old German Shepherd/Labrador Retriever mix puppy with a very expressive face, quizzical brown eyes, and a rather unique elongated muzzle. Ebony is far more adorable in person, and her personality comes alive when she gets to spend one on one time with our staff and young volunteers. Ebony would love to join a family with kids who she can play with and love. She has a lot of puppy energy, so she really needs lots of exercise like running, playing fetch, long walks, and interactive play with her humans. However, when it's time for a nap, Ebony obliges with no fuss. She would also be a loving companion for a single person,couple or active retirees, looking forward to the joys of sharing adventures with an effervescent puppy. Ebony is in need of basic training, but she responds enthusiastically to praise and treats, so she should catch on quite easily. She is friendly with other dogs, but may be too much puppy for reserved or older dogs. Ebony would be a welcome addition to any household, so long as family members are willing to train and exercise this growing puppy. Our wish for 2019 is for Ebony to find her forever family. Please help that wish come true. Come by the shelter at 7175 Texas Flat Rd, Kiln, to meet Ebony in person. You will fall in love with her. Call 466 4516 for more information, and visit our Facebook page, Hancock County Animal Shelter, MS, to see more pictures of Emily, and of the many other wonderful, deserving furbabies looking for their forever homes.



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When it comes to knowing what's happening locally, the community newspaper is the primary source, according to respondents in a nationwide survey. The community newspaper beats TV, radio and the internet as the No. 1 source for local news as well as local shopping and advertising information.

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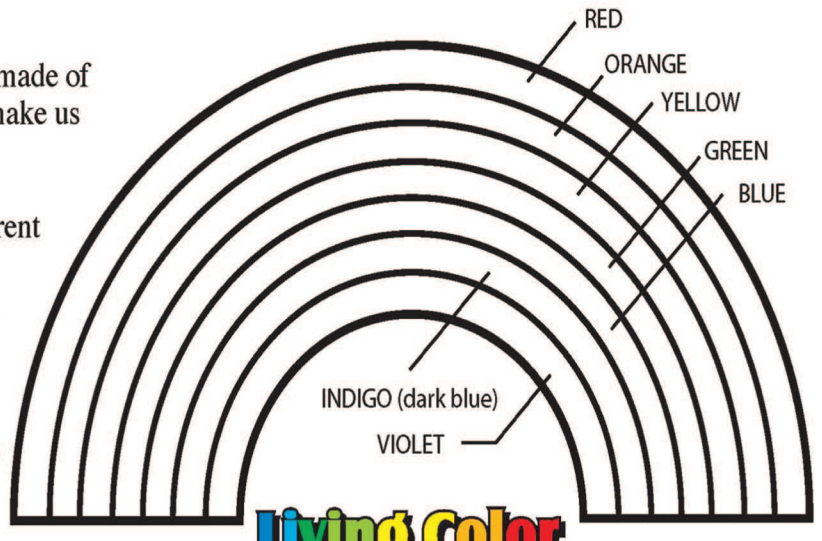
RAINBOW POWER

Rainbows are beautiful to look at because they are made of many different colors. They have the power to make us feel happy, just by looking at them.

Martin Luther King, Jr. saw that there were many different colors of people in the world. He believed that these differences could make the world a better place to live. He spent his life helping people live together in peace and equality.

Each year on the third Monday in January we celebrate Martin Luther King's birthday because of his great work and his important message: that all people are precious and that our differences, like a rainbow, can make the world a better place.

Standards Link: History: Students identify the people honored in commemorative holidays including the human struggles that were the basis for the events.



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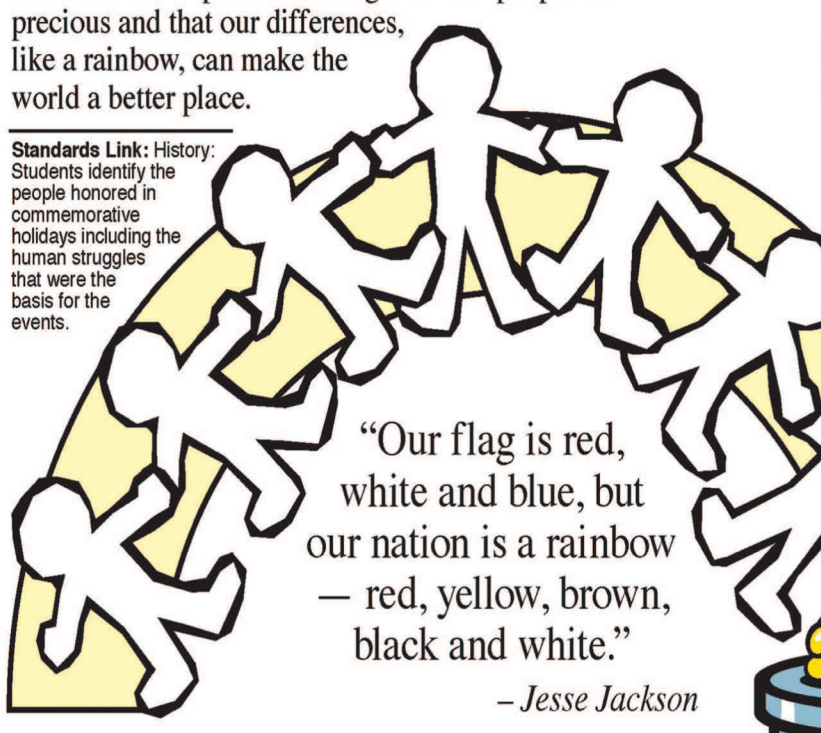

"Our flag is red, white and blue, but our nation is a rainbow — red, yellow, brown, black and white."
– Jesse Jackson

What's at the end of the rainbow?

What could be at the end of a rainbow of people? A pot of gold – or something better? Unscramble the letters on the coins to spell something you might find if all people appreciated each others differences.

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Standards Link: Social Science: Students recognize the forms of diversity in their community and the benefits of a diverse population.

Putting Dreams Into Words

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had dreams. He dreamed about changing the world for the better.

Martin Luther King Jr. skipped two grades and started college at age 15. He went on to earn two bachelors degrees and a Ph.D. His strong education and love of reading helped him to write powerful sermons and speeches.

He shared his dreams in his speeches. He inspired others to share his dreams.

Below are two of his famous quotes. Replace the missing words and read them.

DREAM CHILDREN DAY NATION LITTLE COLOR CONTENT HOLDING

"I have a _____ that one _____ little black boys and girls will be _____ hands with little white boys and girls."

"I have a dream that my four little _____ will one day live in a _____ where they will not be judged but the ____ of their skin, but by the _____ of their character."

What do you think he meant by these statements?

Extra! Extra! Together at Last

Look through the newspaper and find an article and/or picture that shows people of different races working together. Glue the picture or the article in the first box. In the second box, write what you think Martin Luther King, Jr. would have said about these people.

"_____"

Standards Link: Social Science: Students recognize the ways in which they are all part of the same community, sharing principles, goals and traditions despite their varied ancestry; understand ways in which groups interact with one another to try to resolve problems.

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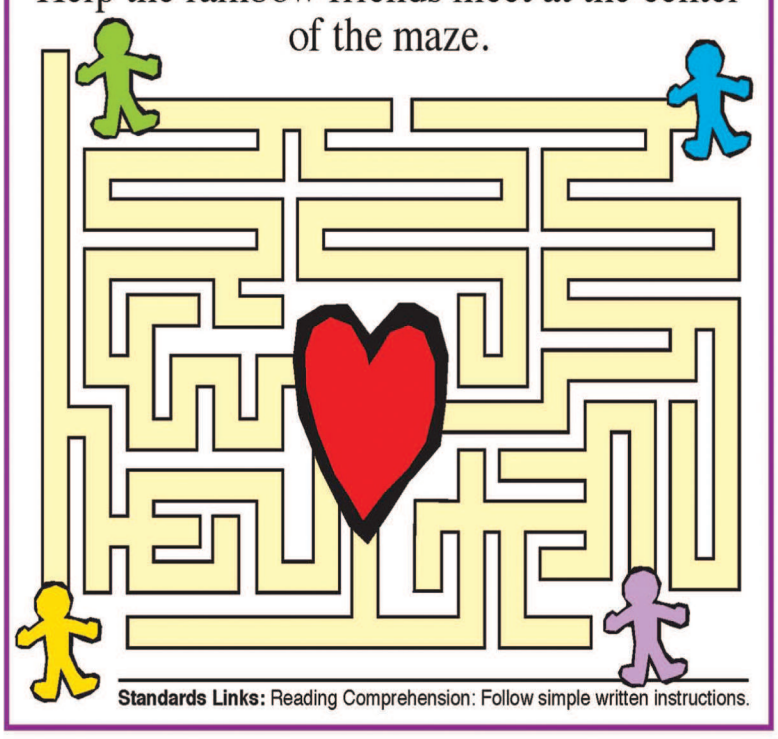

Standards Links: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written instructions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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PEACE
EQUALITY
MARTIN
LUTHER
KING
COLORS
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NATION
PEOPLE
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L	E	Y	T	I	L	A	U	Q	E
P	W	E	L	K	N	D	L	O	G
R	A	R	E	H	T	E	G	O	T

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recongized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Compound Word Fish

Look through the newspaper for words that can make compound words. For example: rain and bow; sun and light; etc. Cut out each word and glue it to a small card. Use the cards to make a card deck for a game of GO FISH. A match is two words that make a compound word.

Standards Link: Vocabulary Development: Use knowledge of individual words in compound words to understand their meaning.

What is red, white, blue and yellow?

ANSWER: A star-spangled banana.

Write On!

My Hero

Tell about someone who is your hero. Why is this person special to you?

DEVOTIONAL PAGE

BEGIN THE NEW YEAR WITH AN ATTITUDE OF LOVE

BY GARY ANDREWS
GARY@GADEVOTIONALS.COM

Ralph Waldo Emerson once penned, "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." This is a statement that applies to all of us no matter who we think we are or the direction that our life is heading in.

Each and every day that the Lord allows us to wake up is a new beginning. What we've done in the past is gone and there is no way we can recoup it. Yes, maybe there is a way to make amends for something we regret doing or saying but we have to make up our mind this is what we want to do and what we are going to do.

None of us, even though some think they are invincible, can predict the future. No one is promised a tomorrow, not even the next day, or even the next few minutes. God can call us home or end our life at any moment.

The only thing we have at this moment is this moment. We all have hopes and desires but the only thing we have is right now. It is a gift, that is why it is called the 'present'. Each one of us needs to use it wisely.

As we look forward to a new year all of us should look to love more, enjoy life more, and treat everyone that we come in contact with the same demeanor that we want to be treated with. I firmly believe this is the only way we will ever achieve world peace.

We are told in 1 Corinthians 13:4-5; "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs."

Why is it that we look for the worst in people in most instances, instead of looking for the good? We seem to live in a world that loves to see people hurt, especially if their lives are better than ours. Many people are selfish in their worldly desires and will try to accomplish these desires in whatever manner they need to use. Why do we do this? Why can't we learn to get along with everyone around us and help those that are floundering with decisions about their life?

All of us, and it doesn't matter who we are, can resolve to start the New Year with a new attitude of love. Let's look for the best in people. Let's help those that are struggling. Many are struggling with financial issues, health issues, habitual habits that are harmful to themselves, family issues, friendship issues, and there are many more that I could name. We need to put aside our selfish desires and be more open to those around us even though it may not be something we want to do.

We are told in Mark 12:31; "…Love you neighbor as yourself…" Wouldn't this be a great way to start a New Year?

SUGGESTED DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY
Mark 12:28-34

MONDAY
Isaiah 41:9-13

TUESDAY
1 Timothy 1:12-17

WEDNESDAY
Psalm 147:1-11

THURSDAY
Matthew 11:25-29

FRIDAY
Proverbs 18:1-16

SATURDAY
1 John 1:5-10

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated April 24, 2017, executed by **TONYA L. LAUMANN, SHANE A. RAGAS**, conveying certain real property therein described to MICHAEL LYON, as Trustee, for MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC AS NOMINEE FOR QUICKEN LOANS INC., Original Beneficiary, to secure the indebtedness therein described, as same appears of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi filed and recorded May 1, 2017, in Deed Book 2017, Page 9100; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was transferred and assigned to Quicken Loans Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin, LLC has been appointed as Substitute Trustee; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee shall, on February 20, 2019 within the lawful hours of sale between 11:00AM and 4:00PM at the front door of the Courthouse proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to wit:

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT FIFTY-ONE (51), IDLEWOOD SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL MAP OR PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN PLAT BOOK 5, AT PAGE 12. PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 108 CAMPION DR, WAVELAND, MS 39576. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Rubin Lublin LLC
428 North Lamar Blvd, Suite 107
Oxford, MS 38655
rubinlublin.com/property-listing
Tel: (877) 813-0992; Fax: (404) 601-5846
Ad #149676
12/29/2018; 01/30; 02/06; 02/13/19

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Hancock County Government Annex, 854 Highway 90, Suite A, Bay St. Louis, MS, until 10:00 a.m., January 22nd, 2019, for furnishing to Hancock County the following services, for a period of one year beginning at bid acceptance until December 31, 2019 or until a new bid is accepted.

Banks – Bids for the privilege of keeping the County Funds collected by the Tax Assessor/Collector, and the other Public Funds of Hancock County for the Years 2019 -2020 (with no service charges).

Newspapers – Bids for publishing proceedings of the Board of Supervisors and all legal notices for the county for the year 2019 as required by law.

All envelopes MUST be stamped filed in the Hancock County Board of Supervisors Office before 10:00 a.m. on the day of the Bid opening.

All envelopes MUST be marked on the outside of the envelope "BID ENCLOSED" and stating which item bid and the opening date of said bid.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi on the 2nd day of December, 2018.

(SEAL)
Blaine Lafontaine, President
Board of Supervisors Hancock County
By: Kathleen Stieffel, D.C.
12/29/2018; 01/05/2019

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, ON THE 2ND DAY OF DECEMBER, 2018.

(SEAL)
BLAINE LAFONTAINE, PRESIDENT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BY: KATHLEEN STIEFFEL, D.C.
12/22; 12/29/18

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BY: KATHLEEN STIEFFEL, D.C.
12/22; 12/29/18

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY LOU HODA, DECEASED
NATHAN HODA PETITIONER
CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:18-cv-00323-SS
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Any and all unknown heirs-at-law of **Mary Lou Hoda**, deceased whose place of residence, street and post office address are unknown to Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry.

You have been made a Defendant in a Petition to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Nathan Hoda, Petitioner, seeking the determination of heirs at law of Mary Lou Hoda, deceased. Defendants other than you in this action are: any person with a claim as an heir-at-law or wrongful death beneficiary of Mary Lou Hoda.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 1:30 o'clock p.m. on the 22nd day of January, 2019, in the courtroom of the Harrison County Courthouse, in Gulfport, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or pleading but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 20th day of December, 2018.

(SEAL)
Timothy A. Kellar,
Hancock County Chancery Clerk
Ashley Miller, D.C.

The Casano Law Firm, P.A.
4403 West Aloha Drive
Diamondhead, MS 39525
228-255-0035
12/22; 12/29/18; 01/05/19

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BLAINE LAFONTAINE, PRESIDENT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BY: KATHLEEN STIEFFEL, D.C.
12/22; 12/29/18

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EUGENE L. SCHLOEGEL, JR. A/K/A EUGENE L. SCHLOEGEL
DONNA LORRAINE CHOATE EXECUTRIX
CAUSE NO. 23CH1:18-CV744-JP
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
HANCOCK COUNTY
EXECUTRIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY HAVING BEEN GRANTED ON THE 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2018, BY THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI TO THE UNDERSIGNED UPON THE ESTATE OF **EUGENE L. SCHLOEGEL, JR., A/K/A EUGENE L. SCHLOEGEL**, DECEASED, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST SAID ESTATE TO PRESENT THE SAME TO THE CLERK OF SAID COURT FOR PROBATE AND REGISTERED ACCORDING TO LAW WITHIN 90 DAYS FROM THIS DATE, OR THEY WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

THIS THE 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2018.
DONNA LORRAINE CHOATE
DONNA LORRAINE CHOATE

CLEMENT S. BENVENUTTI
ATTORNEY FOR
DONNA LORRAINE CHOATE
POST OFFICE BOX 2718
BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI 39521
228-467-0744
MS BAR NO. 2435
12/22; 12/29/18, 01/05/19

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BLAINE LAFONTAINE, PRESIDENT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BY: KATHLEEN STIEFFEL, D.C.
12/22; 12/29/18

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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(SEAL)
BLAINE LAFONTAINE, PRESIDENT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BY: KATHLEEN STIEFFEL, D.C.
12/22; 12/29/18

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH B. MCCOY, DECEASED
DONNA Y. SEA EXECUTRIX
NO. 18-727-CB
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT LETTERS TESTAMENTARY FOR THE ESTATE OF **JOSEPH B. MCCOY**, DECEASED, WERE GRANTED TO THE UNDERSIGNED BY THE CHANCERY COURT, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, ON THE 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2018, AND ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST SAID ESTATE ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO PRESENT THEIR CLAIMS TO THE CLERK OF SAID COURT AND TO HAVE THEM PROBATED AND ALLOWED WITHIN 90 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE, FAILURE TO DO SO WILL BAR THIS CLAIM.

THIS THE 20TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2018.
DONNA SEA EXECUTRIX
BY: /s/ TIMOTHY L. MURR
TIMOTHY L. MURR

PERRY, MURR, TEEL & KOENENN
P.O. BOX 7158
GULFPORT, MS 39506
228-896-0020
MSB #3682
12/29/18; 01/05; 01/12/19

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BY: KATHLEEN STIEFFEL, D.C.
12/22; 12/29/18

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF
WILMA LOUISE BANKS BEECH
RHONDA K. BEECH SCARBOROUGH, EXECUTRIX
CIVIL ACTION NO. 18-CV-733-SS
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY HAVING BEEN GRANTED ON THE 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D., 2018, BY THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO THE UNDERSIGNED UPON THE ESTATE OF **WILMA LOUISE BANKS BEECH**, DECEASED, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST SAID ESTATE TO PRESENT THE SAME TO THE CLERK OF SAID COURT FOR PROBATE AND REGISTRATION ACCORDING TO LAW WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS FROM THIS DATE. FAILURE TO PROBATE AND REGISTER CLAIMS WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS OF THIS DATE WILL OPERATE TO FOREVER BAR SUCH CLAIMS.

THIS, THE 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D., 2018.

/S/ RHONDA K. BEECH SCARBOROUGH
RHONDA K. BEECH SCARBOROUGH, EXECUTRIX
G. GERALD CRUTHIRD
P. O. BOX 1056
PICAYUNE, MS 39466
601-798-0220
12/15; 12/22; 12/29/18; 01/05/19

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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(SEAL)
BLAINE LAFONTAINE, PRESIDENT
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HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BY: KATHLEEN STIEFFEL, D.C.
12/22; 12/29/18

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HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BY: KATHLEEN STIEFFEL, D.C.
12/22; 12/29/18

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GENEVIEVE VICTORIA GORDON, DECEASED
BARRY EVERETT LEE, PETITIONER
CAUSE NO: 23CH1:18-CV-00378-JP
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY HAVING BEEN GRANTED ON THE 7TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2018, BY THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO THE UNDERSIGNED UPON THE ESTATE OF **GENEVIEVE VICTORIA GORDON**, DECEASED, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST SAID ESTATE TO PRESENT THE SAME TO THE CLERK OF SAID COURT FOR PROBATE AND REGISTRATION ACCORDING TO LAW WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS FROM THIS DATE, OR THEY WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

THIS 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2018.
S/BARRY EVERETT LEE

THE CASANO LAW FIRM, P.A.
4403 WEST ALOHA DRIVE
DIAMONDHEAD, MISSISSIPPI 39525
12/15; 12/22; 12/29/18

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HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BY: KATHLEEN STIEFFEL, D.C.
12/22; 12/29/18

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HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BY: KATHLEEN STIEFFEL, D.C.
12/22; 12/29/18

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New Year's Eve: It's Time to Party

BY LINDA BIGLER
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Now that Christmas is over and the unwanted gifts are returned or put in the closet to be re-gifted next year; it is party time down South.

The party season begins on New Year's Eve and usually does not end until 12:00 am Ash Wednesday. In between, there are the bowl games, football playoffs, pre and post parade parties, not to mention the parties associated with the numerous Mardi Gras ball festivities.

It is time to get busy on snacks and liquid libations for the jubilant months ahead.

Let us begin with some liquid refreshment. This first drink can be made with or wit out alcohol, I prefer the latter.

Coffee Punch
8 cups strong hot coffee
One half cup sugar
1 cup brandy or bourbon (optional)
2 cups heavy whipping cream, whipped
1 quart vanilla ice cream, softened
1 quart chocolate ice cream, softened

Combine coffee and sugar until sugar is dissolved. Chill overnight. When ready to serve, pour coffee into a large punch bowl and stir in alcohol if desired. Fold in whipped cream and ice cream. Mixture will be lumpy, which is the correct consistency.

Makes about one gallon

Minted Champagne Punch

1 cup fresh mint leaves, washed and dried, plus some sprigs of mint for garnish
One half cup Bourbon
2 bottles chilled Champagne

Muddle Bourbon and mint together, cover and chill overnight. Just before serving, strain Bourbon/mint mixture into a punch bowl. Press on the mint leaves to get as much flavor as possible from them. Discard the mint leaves. Slowly pour the chilled Champagne over the mint fused Bourbon and stir, and garnish with fresh mint sprigs. Serve immediately. Makes about 12 servings

The next drink is a mixed cocktail and is deceivingly mild tasting.

Snowflake Cocktail
2 ounces vanilla vodka
1 ounce Godiva white chocolate liqueur
2 tablespoons half and half
2 tablespoons simple syrup

Combine all ingredients in a cocktail shaker with ice. Shake well and strain into a martini glass. Garnish with chocolate curls if desired. Makes one cocktail

Now that we are sufficiently hydrated, it is time to focus on the solid snacks.

Spicy Chicken Wings
One pound butter
6 tablespoons Tabasco sauce
The juice of two lemons
2 teaspoons cayenne pepper
3 cloves garlic, crushed
1 teaspoon crushed dried Rosemary
1 teaspoon salt
24 chicken wings, tips removed, cut in half at the joint

Melt butter over medium low heat and add remaining ingredients, except chicken. Bring to a slow boil and simmer for about 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Arrange wings in an ovenproof baking dish and pour about half of the sauce over the wings. Bake 15 minutes.

Stir the wings and bake an additional 15 minutes or until done. Remove from oven and serve immediately.

Reheat the remainder of the sauce and serve on the side with French bread for dipping. Shrimp can be substituted for the wings, but the cooking time needs to be reduced.

An Easy Date

One pound of pitted dates
3 to 4 ounces mascarpone cheese

Put about a teaspoon of mascarpone cheese into the opening of each date, place on a serving dish, and chill until ready to serve.

Quick Crab Dip
2 cups sour cream
3 ounces cream cheese, softened
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 teaspoon Tabasco sauce
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
3 or four green onions finely chop the white part and finely slice the green parts
1 pound crab meat, check for pieces of shell and remove

In a medium bowl, combine all ingredients except for crab and onions. Mix with an electric mixer until smooth. Fold in crabmeat and the white part of the green onion. Chill well.

When ready to serve, garnish with the green part of the onion. Serve with crackers, pita chips, celery, or carrot sticks.

Enjoy whichever parties you choose and until then; Happy New Year, Go Saints, and throw me something, mister.

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